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DESLAURIERS ET AL.

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PROCEDURES WHICH PROMOTE BONE
GROWTH, COMPOSITIONS WHICH
PROMOTE BONE GROWTH, AND
METHODS OF MAKING SUCH
COMPOSITIONS"

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Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully request, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, that
the art listed on the attached PTO-1449 form be considered and cited in the examination of the
above-identified continuation-in-part patent application.

Copies of each of the ten (10) cited documents are included.

Regarding Reference 7 (Salvador Claro Neto, "Thesis for Doctor's Degree"), both Portuguese and English versions are submitted herein. The submitted documents comprise pages 117-120 of Claro Neto's thesis. Applicants do not possess a copy of the entirety of Claro Neto's thesis; Applicants have made reasonable efforts (e.g., Internet searches) to procure a copy of the entirety of Claro Neto's thesis, but have not succeeded. Applicants estimate the date of Reference 7 to be 1997. This estimate is derived from another reference submitted herein, Reference 1. Reference 1 cites, in footnote 8 on page 191, a doctoral thesis by S. Claro Neto, dated 1997. Applicants assume the doctoral thesis cited in footnote 8 of Reference 1 to be the same doctoral thesis as that from which the pages submitted as Reference 7 derived. As cited in footnote 8 of Reference 1, the full title of Claro Neto's thesis is stated to be "Physical and Chemical Characterization of Castor-Oil Derived Polyurethanes Used in Bone Implants."

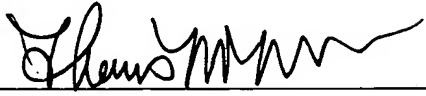
Reference 10 is provided only in Portuguese. However, the first page of Reference 10 provides a one-paragraph English-language Abstract thereof.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.97(g) and (h), Applicants do not represent that a search has been made and do not admit that these references are, or are considered to be, material to the patentability of the present application.

As this Information Disclosure Statement transmitted herewith is being filed prior to the issuance of a first Office Action on the merits in this case, Applicants believe that no fee is due. However, should the Commissioner deem that any fees are due, Applicants respectfully request that the Commissioner accept this as a Petition Therefor, and further direct the Commissioner to debit any fees due from Baker Botts L.L.P. **Deposit Account No. 02-0383, Order No. 064361.0126.**

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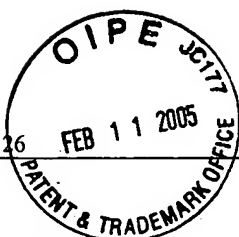
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